

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
National Association of Pastoral Musicians - Newark Chapter
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January 3, 2023

Dear Pastoral Musicians:

Happy New Year!! I hope this letter finds you well as you transition back to Ordinary Time. Before schedules get too busy, I wanted to write to you with information regarding an upcoming exciting event for singers in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The long-awaited rescheduled (*from 2020, 2021 and 2022!*) Archdiocesan Choral Festival with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Friday evening, April 28th at 8:00 pm. Registrations for interested NEW singers are being accepted through January 16, 2023. Singers who have already registered for the cancelled Choral Festivals are still registered, and do not need to re-register another time.

This year's Choral Festival will feature Ludwig van Beethoven's beautiful 'Mass In C Major.' Rehearsals begin January 30th and will take place at the Cathedral on various Mondays through the spring. Because of the challenging nature of this work, interested singers are required to be able to read music and have choral experience. Space is limited -- only 20 sopranos, 20 altos and 20 men can be accepted. The Festival Choir will combine with the Cathedral Choir to provide a chorus of approximately 90 singers which will be accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Basilica! This has always been a thrilling and challenging experience for the singers.

In an effort to have wide representation from the parishes of the archdiocese, we are asking each music director to send some of their very *best singers* (who can read music) to participate in this event. The registration fee is \$35 per singer and includes music -- all texts will be sung in Latin. Many parishes are offering to cover the cost of sending singers to participate in the festival as an expression of gratitude for their dedicated service to the parish. The enclosed flyer contains rehearsal dates with the pre-registration form on the reverse side. Please post this flyer for your choir members to review.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for participation. This will allow adequate time to order music, prepare for seating, etc. Please duplicate the registration form as necessary and return it no later than **JANUARY 16, 2023** -- space is limited, register soon!

PLEASE NOTE: Singers who have already registered for the original dates (in 2020, 2021 and 2022) are still registered, and do not need to resubmit a new registration form. For questions on status of registration, please call the Cathedral Music Office, 973-484-2400.

Even if many singers from your parish choir are unable to make the commitment to sing with the Festival Choir, please encourage them to attend the Choral Festival performance at the Cathedral Basilica on April 28th! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 973-484-2400 or email John.Miller@rcan.org.

Sincerely,

John J. Miller
Director of Music Ministries – Cathedral Basilica
Chapter Director -- NPM Newark



The Cathedral Concert Series
and the Newark Chapter of the
National Association of
Pastoral Musicians present



An Archdiocesan Choral Festival

Friday, April 28, 2023 • 8:00 pm
Cathedral Basilica - Newark

Ludwig van Beethoven **MASS IN C MAJOR**

The Cathedral and Archdiocesan Festival Choirs and Soloists
Accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra
John J. Miller, conductor

*Interested singers with choral experience and ability to read music are invited to participate
in the Massed Choir of singers from parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark.*

2023 Choral Festival Rehearsal Schedule:

(Mondays at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral Basilica - park and enter via 89 Ridge Street door)

January 30, February 13, 27; March 6, 20 (*only 1 absence permitted*)

Piano Dress Rehearsal - Monday, April 24th (*required*)

Orchestra Rehearsal with New Jersey Symphony - 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 27th (*required*)

All NEW singers must pre-register. Deadline is **January 16, 2023.**

Use the registration form on reverse side of this flyer.

Cost of music included with registration - music will be available at the first rehearsal.

Questions? Call the Cathedral Music Office (973-484-2400).

Secure parking for all rehearsals and performance.

Archdiocesan Choral Festival Registration Form



DEADLINE: JANUARY 16, 2023

please print clearly



Name: *(as you wish it to appear in the concert program)*

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parish _____ Parish Town _____

Circle Voice Part: *(singers are required to be able to read music)*

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Registration Fee per singer: \$35 check payable to NPM Newark *(includes music)*

Please check one: ___ Payment enclosed or ___ Bill parish

*Please send completed form and payment to:
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Or email to: Kimberley.Mesiti@rcan.org*